

BrokerCheck Report

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CRD# 2768296

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About BrokerCheck®



BrokerCheck offers information on all current, and many former, registered securities brokers, and all current and former registered securities firms. FINRA strongly encourages investors to use BrokerCheck to check the background of securities brokers and brokerage firms before deciding to conduct, or continue to conduct, business with them.

- **What is included in a BrokerCheck report?**

- BrokerCheck reports for individual brokers include information such as employment history, professional qualifications, disciplinary actions, criminal convictions, civil judgments and arbitration awards. BrokerCheck reports for brokerage firms include information on a firm's profile, history, and operations, as well as many of the same disclosure events mentioned above.
- Please note that the information contained in a BrokerCheck report may include pending actions or allegations that may be contested, unresolved or unproven. In the end, these actions or allegations may be resolved in favor of the broker or brokerage firm, or concluded through a negotiated settlement with no admission or finding of wrongdoing.

- **Where did this information come from?**

- The information contained in BrokerCheck comes from FINRA's Central Registration Depository, or CRD® and is a combination of:
 - o information FINRA and/or the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) require brokers and brokerage firms to submit as part of the registration and licensing process, and
 - o information that regulators report regarding disciplinary actions or allegations against firms or brokers.

- **How current is this information?**

- Generally, active brokerage firms and brokers are required to update their professional and disciplinary information in CRD within 30 days. Under most circumstances, information reported by brokerage firms, brokers and regulators is available in BrokerCheck the next business day.

- **What if I want to check the background of an investment adviser firm or investment adviser representative?**

- To check the background of an investment adviser firm or representative, you can search for the firm or individual in BrokerCheck. If your search is successful, click on the link provided to view the available licensing and registration information in the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure (IAPD) website at <https://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov>. In the alternative, you may search the IAPD website directly or contact your state securities regulator at <http://www.finra.org/Investors/ToolsCalculators/BrokerCheck/P455414>.

- **Are there other resources I can use to check the background of investment professionals?**

- FINRA recommends that you learn as much as possible about an investment professional before deciding to work with them. Your state securities regulator can help you research brokers and investment adviser representatives doing business in your state.

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For additional information about the contents of this report, please refer to the User Guidance or www.finra.org/brokercheck. It provides a glossary of terms and a list of frequently asked questions, as well as additional resources. For more information about FINRA, visit www.finra.org.

JAMES R. BUITER

CRD# 2768296

Currently employed by and registered with the following Firm(s):

IA CETERA INVESTMENT ADVISERS LLC
 14930 S. CICERO AVE.
 STE. 1B
 OAK FOREST, IL 60452
 CRD# 105644
 Registered with this firm since: 09/05/2025

B CETERA WEALTH SERVICES, LLC
 14930 S. Cicero Avenue
 Ste 1B
 Oak Forest, IL 60452
 CRD# 13572
 Registered with this firm since: 09/05/2025

Report Summary for this Broker

This report summary provides an overview of the broker's professional background and conduct. Additional information can be found in the detailed report.

Broker Qualifications**This broker is registered with:**

- 1 Self-Regulatory Organization
- 10 U.S. states and territories

This broker has passed:

- 0 Principal/Supervisory Exams
- 2 General Industry/Product Exams
- 2 State Securities Law Exams

Registration History**This broker was previously registered with the following securities firm(s):**

- IA AVANTAX ADVISORY SERVICES**
 CRD# 104556
 DALLAS, TX
 08/2020 - 09/2025
- B AVANTAX INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.**
 CRD# 13686
 Oak Forest, IL
 08/2020 - 09/2025
- IA AMERICAN TRUST INVESTMENT SERVICES ADVISORY, INC.**
 CRD# 299547
 WHITING, IN
 02/2019 - 09/2020

Disclosure Events

All individuals registered to sell securities or provide investment advice are required to disclose customer complaints and arbitrations, regulatory actions, employment terminations, bankruptcy filings, and criminal or civil judicial proceedings.

Are there events disclosed about this broker? **Yes****The following types of disclosures have been reported:**

Type	Count
Customer Dispute	1
Termination	1



Broker Qualifications

Registrations

This section provides the self-regulatory organizations (SROs) and U.S. states/territories the broker is currently registered and licensed with, the category of each license, and the date on which it became effective. This section also provides, for every brokerage firm with which the broker is currently employed, the address of each branch where the broker works.

This individual is currently registered with 1 SRO and is licensed in 10 U.S. states and territories through his or her employer.

Employment 1 of 2

Firm Name: **CETERA INVESTMENT ADVISERS LLC**

Main Office Address: **1450 AMERICAN LANE
6TH FLOOR, SUITE 650
SCHAUMBURG, IL 60173-2096**

Firm CRD#: **105644**

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
IA	Illinois	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	09/05/2025
IA	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	09/05/2025

Branch Office Locations

14930 S. CICERO AVE.
STE. 1B
OAK FOREST, IL 60452

Employment 2 of 2

Firm Name: **CETERA WEALTH SERVICES, LLC**

Main Office Address: **2301 ROSECRANS AVE #5100
EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245**

Firm CRD#: **13572**

	SRO	Category	Status	Date
B	FINRA	General Securities Representative	Approved	09/05/2025

Broker Qualifications



Employment 2 of 2, continued

	U.S. State/ Territory	Category	Status	Date
B	Arizona	Agent	Approved	09/05/2025
B	California	Agent	Approved	09/05/2025
B	Florida	Agent	Approved	09/05/2025
B	Illinois	Agent	Approved	09/05/2025
B	Indiana	Agent	Approved	09/05/2025
B	Michigan	Agent	Approved	09/05/2025
B	Ohio	Agent	Approved	09/05/2025
B	Oklahoma	Agent	Approved	09/05/2025
B	Texas	Agent	Approved	09/05/2025
B	Washington	Agent	Approved	09/05/2025

Branch Office Locations

CETERA WEALTH SERVICES, LLC

14930 S. Cicero Avenue
Ste 1B
Oak Forest, IL 60452



Broker Qualifications

Industry Exams this Broker has Passed

This section includes all securities industry exams that the broker has passed. Under limited circumstances, a broker may attain a registration after receiving an exam waiver based on exams the broker has passed and/or qualifying work experience. Any exam waivers that the broker has received are not included below. A passed exam or exam waiver does not permit a broker to do business without an active SRO or state registration.

This individual has passed 0 principal/supervisory exams, 2 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
No information reported.		

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Securities Industry Essentials Examination	SIE	10/01/2018
B General Securities Representative Examination	Series 7	08/14/1996

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
B Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	09/24/1996
IA Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination	Series 65	09/13/1996

Additional information about the above exams or other exams FINRA administers to brokers and other securities professionals can be found at www.finra.org/brokerqualifications/registeredrep/.

Broker Qualifications



Professional Designations

This section details that the representative has reported **1** professional designation(s).

Personal Financial Specialist

This representative holds or did hold **1** professional designation(s) that may have been used to qualify as an Investment Advisor representative. Please check with the appropriate designation authority for verification that the designation is still in effect. The contact information for these professional designation authorities can be found on the website for the North American Securities Administrators Association at <http://www.nasaa.org>



Registration and Employment History

Registration History

The broker previously was registered with the following firms:

	Registration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
IA	08/2020 - 09/2025	AVANTAX ADVISORY SERVICES	104556	Oak Forest, IL
B	08/2020 - 09/2025	AVANTAX INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.	13686	Oak Forest, IL
IA	02/2019 - 09/2020	AMERICAN TRUST INVESTMENT SERVICES ADVISORY, INC.	299547	WHITING, IN
IA	04/2013 - 08/2020	CHICAGO CAPITAL MANAGEMENT ADVISORS, LLC	123483	LISLE, IL
B	04/2013 - 08/2020	AMERICAN TRUST INVESTMENT SERVICES, INC.	3001	WHITING, IN
IA	05/2014 - 04/2019	AMERICAN TRUST INVESTMENT SERVICES ADVISORY	3001	WHITING, IN
IA	05/2009 - 04/2013	NATIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT, INC.	115927	LOMBARD, IL
B	03/2009 - 04/2013	NATIONAL SECURITIES CORPORATION	7569	LOMBARD, IL
B	07/2003 - 04/2009	WACHOVIA SECURITIES, LLC	19616	ORLAND PARK, IL
IA	07/2003 - 04/2009	WACHOVIA SECURITIES, LLC	19616	ORLAND PARK, IL
IA	01/1998 - 07/2003	PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES INCORPORATED	7471	ORLAND PARK, IL
B	08/1996 - 07/2003	PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES INCORPORATED	7471	NEW YORK, NY

Employment History

This section provides up to 10 years of an individual broker's employment history as reported by the individual broker on the most recently filed Form U4.

Please note that the broker is required to provide this information only while registered with FINRA or a national securities exchange and the information is not updated via Form U4 after the broker ceases to be registered. Therefore, an employment end date of "Present" may not reflect the broker's current employment status.

Employment	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
09/2025 - Present	CETERA INVESTMENT ADVISERS LLC	INVESTMENT ADVISOR REPRESENTATIVE	Y	SCHAUMBURG, IL, United States



Registration and Employment History

Employment History, continued

Employment	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
09/2025 - Present	CETERA WEALTH SERVICES, LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	Oak Forest, IL, United States
08/2020 - Present	Wealth Management Reps	Independent Contractor	N	Oak Forest, IL, United States
07/2020 - Present	P&L Accounting and Tax Service, LLP	Financial Advisor	N	Oak Forest, IL, United States
05/2019 - Present	Crete Township	Clerk	N	Will County, IL, United States
12/2009 - Present	Global Communications and Associates, Inc	Owner	N	Crete, IL, United States
07/2020 - 09/2025	Avantax Advisory Services	Investment Adviser Representative	Y	Oak Forest, IL, United States
07/2020 - 09/2025	Avantax Investment Services, Inc.	Registered Representative	Y	Oak Forest, IL, United States
12/2018 - 07/2020	American Trust Investment Services Advisory, Inc.	Investment Adviser Representative	Y	Whitting, IN, United States
04/2013 - 07/2020	American Trust Investment Services, Inc.	Registered Representative	Y	Whitting, IN, United States
04/2013 - 07/2020	Chicago Capital Management Advisors, LLC	Registered Representative	Y	Lisle, IL, United States

Other Business Activities

This section includes information, if any, as provided by the broker regarding other business activities the broker is currently engaged in either as a proprietor, partner, officer, director, employee, trustee, agent or otherwise. This section does not include non-investment related activity that is exclusively charitable, civic, religious or fraternal and is recognized as tax exempt.

1) P&L Accounting and Tax Service,LLP~'IR'~14930 S. Cicero Ave Ste 1B~Oak Forest~IL~60452~Accounting Services/Tax Preparation~Employee~7/22/2020~88hrs~88hrs~Iwll be doing financial planning/services for clients which will be conducted through Avantax ONLY.|Global

2) Communications and Associates, Inc.~'NIR'~395 Wingate, Drive~Crete~IL~60417~Accounting Services/Tax Preparation~Owner~12/12/2009~50hrs~50hrs~I'm the owner and CEO of the C- Corporation I prepare and compile tax returns and financial records and statements for this corporatrion|

3) Izaak Walton League of America Griffith Chapter~'NIR'~4532 Main Street~Griffith~IN~46319~Other~Other~7/2/2013~10hrs~10hrs~Prepare monthly treasurer's report and assisit with the Form 990|

4) Crete Township Of Illinois~'NIR'~395 Wingate, Drive~Crete~IL~60417~Board Position/Officer~Employee~5/1/2019~12hrs~12hrs~I'm the Clerk of the township.I record minutes for all the board meetings. Also publish the budgets and tax levies to Will county, IL. I run the bidding process for

Registration and Employment History



Other Business Activities, continued

the government contracts.]

5) Wealth Management Reps~'IR'~14930 S. Cicero Ave Ste 1B, PO Box 253~Oak Forest~IL~60452~Other~Independent Contractor~8/5/2020~140hrs~110hrs~Will be servicing investment clients' accounts. Managing the clients portfolios. Will provide financial planning tools to my clients.]

Disclosure Events



What you should know about reported disclosure events:

1. All individuals registered to sell securities or provide investment advice are required to disclose customer complaints and arbitrations, regulatory actions, employment terminations, bankruptcy filings, and criminal or civil judicial proceedings.
2. **Certain thresholds must be met before an event is reported to CRD, for example:**
 - o A law enforcement agency must file formal charges before a broker is required to disclose a particular criminal event.
 - o A customer dispute must involve allegations that a broker engaged in activity that violates certain rules or conduct governing the industry and that the activity resulted in damages of at least \$5,000.
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3. **Disclosure events in BrokerCheck reports come from different sources:**
 - o As mentioned at the beginning of this report, information contained in BrokerCheck comes from brokers, brokerage firms and regulators. When more than one of these sources reports information for the same disclosure event, all versions of the event will appear in the BrokerCheck report. The different versions will be separated by a solid line with the reporting source labeled.
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4. **There are different statuses and dispositions for disclosure events:**
 - o A disclosure event may have a status of *pending*, *on appeal*, or *final*.
 - A "pending" event involves allegations that have not been proven or formally adjudicated.
 - An event that is "on appeal" involves allegations that have been adjudicated but are currently being appealed.
 - A "final" event has been concluded and its resolution is not subject to change.
 - o A final event generally has a disposition of *adjudicated*, *settled* or *otherwise resolved*.
 - An "adjudicated" matter includes a disposition by (1) a court of law in a criminal or civil matter, or (2) an administrative panel in an action brought by a regulator that is contested by the party charged with some alleged wrongdoing.
 - A "settled" matter generally involves an agreement by the parties to resolve the matter. Please note that brokers and brokerage firms may choose to settle customer disputes or regulatory matters for business or other reasons.
 - A "resolved" matter usually involves no payment to the customer and no finding of wrongdoing on the part of the individual broker. Such matters generally involve customer disputes.

For your convenience, below is a matrix of the number and status of disclosure events involving this broker. Further information regarding these events can be found in the subsequent pages of this report. You also may wish to contact the broker to obtain further information regarding these events.

	Pending	Final	On Appeal
Customer Dispute	0	1	N/A
Termination	N/A	1	N/A



Disclosure Event Details

When evaluating this information, please keep in mind that a disclosure event may be pending or involve allegations that are contested and have not been resolved or proven. The matter may, in the end, be withdrawn, dismissed, resolved in favor of the broker, or concluded through a negotiated settlement for certain business reasons (e.g., to maintain customer relationships or to limit the litigation costs associated with disputing the allegations) with no admission or finding of wrongdoing.

This report provides the information exactly as it was reported to CRD and therefore some of the specific data fields contained in the report may be blank if the information was not provided to CRD.

Customer Dispute - Closed-No Action / Withdrawn / Dismissed / Denied

This type of disclosure event involves (1) a consumer-initiated, investment-related arbitration or civil suit containing allegations of sales practice violations against the individual broker that was dismissed, withdrawn, or denied; or (2) a consumer-initiated, investment-related written complaint containing allegations that the broker engaged in sales practice violations resulting in compensatory damages of at least \$5,000, forgery, theft, or misappropriation, or conversion of funds or securities, which was closed without action, withdrawn, or denied.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source: Broker

Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint: PSI

Allegations: CLIENT ALLEGES THAT SHE "ONLY WANTED CONSERVATIVE INVESTMENTS AND NOT LOOSE ANOTHER PENNY", AND THAT SHE WAS NOT ADVISED THAT HER "PRINCIPAL WOULD OR COULD GO DOWN THSI MUCH".

Product Type: Mutual Fund(s)

Alleged Damages: \$18,000.00

Customer Complaint Information

Date Complaint Received: 09/14/1999

Complaint Pending? No

Status: Denied

Status Date: 10/13/1999

Settlement Amount:

Individual Contribution Amount:

Broker Statement PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES INCORPORATED DENIED THE CLAIM.





Employment Separation After Allegations

This type of disclosure event involves a situation where the broker voluntarily resigned, was discharged, or was permitted to resign after being accused of (1) violating investment-related statutes, regulations, rules or industry standards of conduct; (2) fraud or the wrongful taking of property; or (3) failure to supervise in connection with investment-related statutes, regulations, rules, or industry standards of conduct.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Firm
Employer Name:	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS, LLC
Termination Type:	Discharged
Termination Date:	03/20/2009
Allegations:	UNDISCLOSED OUTSIDE BUSINESS ACTIVITY AND IMPERMISSIBLE USE OF FIRM ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER.
Product Type:	No Product

Reporting Source:	Broker
Employer Name:	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS, LLC
Termination Type:	Discharged
Termination Date:	03/20/2009
Allegations:	UNDISCLOSED OUTSIDE BUSINESS ACTIVITY AND IMPERMISSIBLE USE OF FIRM ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER.
Product Type:	No Product

End of Report



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